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FOR USE IN A DISC DRIVE
STORAGE SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on
March 24, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed June 16, 2004.
Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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the claimed features, and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Additionally, Applicant believes that claims 15-19 are allowable as being dependent from allowable base claim 14, and requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

New Claims

With this Amendment, Applicant has added new claims 20-24. Independent claim 20 is directed to a head that includes a writing element having "a main pole; and a return pole located downstream of the main pole relative to the moving magnetic medium." Applicant submits that independent claim 20 is presently in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above with regard to independent claims 1, 10 and 14. Additionally, Applicant submits that claims 21-24 are allowable as being dependent from allowable base claim 20.

Conclusion

In view of the above comments and remarks, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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